

INTIMATIONS

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
 COMMENCING
 TO-MORROW, TUESDAY,
 THE 8TH MAY.
 by the Distinguished Patronage and in the
 Presence of
 HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
 SIR GEORGE BOWEN, G.C.M.G.,
 AND SUITE.
 THE EVENING OF THE SEASON
 THE FURNISHING OF THE
 ASTORON STAR MINSTRELS,
 "THE KING LAUGH MAKERS,"
 25 PERFORMERS HAS THE
 largest Organisation that has ever visited
 China.
 SING, MIRTH, MELODY.
 The Plan now open at Messrs. KELLY &
 SONS, where Seats can be secured. Sub-
 scription Packets can be purchased containing
 6 Dress Circle Tickets for \$12.00.
 6 Stalls \$10.00.
 M. J. ABRAHAMSON,
 Business Agent.
 Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. (900)

E. SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW.
 The Steamship
 "KWANGTUNG."
 Young, will be despatched for the above
 is on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, at
 10 A.M.
 or Freight or Passage, apply to
 DOUGLAS LEFRAIK & Co.
 Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. (899)

TO BE LET FURNISHED.
 The Samson, Monthly, With Immediate
 Possession.
 THE WESTERN HOUSE OF ROSE VILLAS
 Bonham Road, Six Rooms, Garden, and
 of Tennis Lawn.
 Apply to
 LYNSEAD & DAVIS.
 Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. (898)

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
 LIMITED.
 NOTICE is hereby given that GENERAL
 MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
 will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL at 12
 O'CLOCK Noon, on FRIDAY, the 11th May
 instant, to confirm the following Special Resolu-
 tion passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of
 Shareholders held on the 5th instant.
 That the Capital of the HONGKONG HOTEL
 Company be increased from £100,000 to £150,000,

\$200,000 to \$300,000, by the issue of 1,000 new shares of \$100 each to be issued at par. That each of the said new shares be paid for by the following mode, to wit:—The sum of \$50 shall be paid in respect of each of the said new shares on the 30th September, 1883; and the balance payable in respect of each of the said new shares shall be paid in three equal instalments, and in such sums any one of which shall not exceed \$25, as the Board of Directors of the Company shall think fit.

—That the said new shares be offered in the first instance in such manner, and at such times, as the Board shall think expedient to the persons who shall, on the 30th day of June, 1883, be the registered Holders of the said present shares, and that a portion of one new share for every two of the old or present shares, and accepted, or not, within the time limited for that purpose by the Board, shall be disposed of, and allotted, by the Board, at such price, or prices, as they shall think proper, upon such terms as to the amount of dividend to be paid thereon, or otherwise, and generally in such manner and way in every respect as the Board shall in their discretion direct in the interests of the Company.

—That subject and without prejudice to any direction of the Board to the contrary made in pursuance of the said Regulations, the registered holders for the time being of the said new shares shall be entitled, as from the date of acceptance thereof within the meaning of Regulation No. 10 of the Articles of Association, to the same dividend as shall be the dividend for the year 1883 to the extent hereinafter mentioned, that is to say,

(a).—The affairs of the Company for the year 1883 shall be closed on the 31st December, 1883, and the calculation of the amount of profits made in manner provided by the Articles of Association for the 6 calendar months ending on the 30th June, 1883, and again for the 3 calendar months ending on the 31st September, 1883, and the dividends for these periods, after being approved of by the Shareholders, in ordinary meeting, shall be paid to the Holders for the time being of the said old or present shares, and the same for the three calendar months ending on the 31st December, 1883, shall, after being ascertained and approved of in like manner, be paid to the Holders for the time being of the said new shares, the amount of such dividend being of the Company, and the amount of such dividend to be received by the Holders for the time being of the said new shares shall be the same as the amount of such dividend paid to the Holders for the time being of the said old or present shares, and the same shall be payable, have been paid by way of

all in respect of the said new shares respectively. That the dividend for the year 1883 and the subsequent years, after being ascertained in manner provided by the Articles of Association, be distributed amongst the Holders for the time being of the said old or present shares and the Holders for the time being of the said new shares in proportion to the number of shares respectively held by them, and the amount of such last mentioned dividends to be received by the Holders for the time being of the said new shares (the unless the said new shares respectively shall be fully paid up) estimated, not upon the price of the issue, nor upon the current market price of the said old shares respectively, but upon the amount which shall at the time that such last mentioned dividends shall become payable have been paid by way of call in respect of the said new shares respectively.

That the fees of one dollar each mentioned in Regulations Nos. 11, 12, and 30 of the said Articles of Association shall cease to be payable and that the said regulations shall be read as if no mention were therein made of the payment of any fees.

That regulation No. 33 providing for the payment of a fee of half a dollar in respect of each transfer of the said old Shares in the Company shall be expunged from the said Articles of Association.

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

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HONGKONG, MAY 1883.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are notified that on presentation of their Share Certificates at the Head Office of this Company a new Scrip shall be issued in exchange for the same. The present Resolution sub-dividing each old

Here into four new ones.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1883. [880]

ECONOMY IN GAS.

SUGGS' FLAT FLAME BURNERS effect an economy in gas of 30 per cent.

And can be readily attached to ordinary Gas-holders and Burners.

SUGGS' NEWEST BURNERS with artistic shades for Drawing Room and Dining Room.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Agents for Hongkong.

ARTISTIC PORCELAIN MENU STANDS. HAND-ETCHED MENU and NAME CARDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

DEVON'S NONPAREIL KEROSENE. 150 degrees fire test, a perfectly safe oil.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

NOTICE. S. WATSON AND CO., FAMILY AND DISPENSARY CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, PATENT MEDICINE VENDOR, DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIERS, AND ASSORTED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS RECOMMENDED. PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE. To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the FIRM, A. S. WATSON and Co., HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS. Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their names and address with communications addressed to the Editor, for publication, and as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until discontinued.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

The Daily Press. HONGKONG, MAY 7th, 1933.

Written on this 27th ultimo on the report of Mr. C. B. Thomas, President of the War, C.B.M., from the report of British Minister to the Court of Peking, we expressed the opinion that Sir HARRY PARKES, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., Her Britannic Majesty's Representative at Tokio, was "the man of all others best fitted by character and experience to take charge of British interests in China." At the same time we gave utterance to the belief that it was unlikely that Sir HARRY would be removed from Tokio.

The opinion as to the distinguished officer's eminent suitability for the trying and responsible office of guardian of British interests in China then recorded has just been endorsed by Her Majesty's Government, and the unlikely event came to pass, by the appointment of Sir HARRY PARKES to succeed Sir THOMAS WARD at Peking.

The new British Minister to China was born at Birchill's Hall, Staffordshire, and entered the civil service of the Crown in 1842, being attached to the suite of Sir HENRY PERRIN in June of that year. He subsequently acted as interpreter to various Consuls until August, 1854, when he was appointed Consul at Amoy. In March, 1855, Mr. PARKES accompanied Sir JOHN HENNESSY to Siam as Secretary, and after the conclusion of the Treaty, proceeded to England with that document, returning with the ratifications in January of the following year. From June, 1856 to September, 1859, he acted as Consul at Canton, and he was British Commissioner of the Allied Commission during the occupation of that city by the Allied forces. In 1859 he was created a Companion of the Bath in recognition of his services. Mr. PARKES was next attached to the Earl of ELMOR's Special Embassy to China as Secretary, and while engaged in negotiations under a flag of truce he was taken prisoner at Tientsin and most inhumanly treated by the Chinese. On the conclusion of Lord Elgin's Mission in 1861 Mr. PARKES returned to his duties at Canton, but shortly after his services were in request to accompany Sir James Hope in his expedition up the Yangtze. In May, 1862, the distinction of Knight Commander of the Bath was conferred upon Mr. PARKES, and he was nominated Consul at Shanghai. In March, 1865, Sir HARRY was appointed Envoy Extraordinary, Minister-Plenipotentiary, and Consul-General in Japan. For the long period of eighteen years during which he has represented Her Majesty in Tokio, Sir HARRY PARKES has earned the respectability of British subjects, foreigners, and natives. A proof of the high confidence reposed in his judgment and ability by the British Government, at a time when a series of venomous attacks had been made upon him by an American journalist, was afforded in November, 1881, when the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George was bestowed upon him by Her Majesty. On the 6th February, 1882, soon after his return to Japan, the British and Foreign residents waited upon Sir HARRY PARKES at the Legation, Tokio, and presented to him a congratulatory address, expressive of their great esteem and regard—a presentation that was intended to show to the world how little effect the spiteful charges made against him by his enemies had produced in the minds of the public. The appointment of Sir HARRY PARKES to the British Legation at Peking is a further proof of the trust reposed in this able and experienced diplomatist by Her Majesty's Government. His selection for the post is a convincing proof to our mind that the Foreign Office have recognised the necessity of having a Minister in China who will be impervious to malignant calumny and inflexible in his execution of treaty rights.

The events of the past few years ought to be sufficient to convince the British Government that the Peking Authorities are growing more arrogant and more distinctly hostile in tone to Western Powers—a tendency that can only be checked by the intervention of a determined will. Such a character Sir HARRY PARKES possesses, and his appointment will give universal satisfaction to British residents in the Colonial Empire.

Mr. de Kervandier has been appointed chargé d'affaires for France at Hanoi.

Telegrams for Bangkok can go forward by mail train, at Singapore at 1 p.m. to-day, the 7th inst.

The Mercury news that of the Kaiping Coal Mines had been met with in a new seam, the second seam.

It is notified in the Gazette that the Ordinance consolidating and amending the law relating to districts for rent has been confirmed and allowed by Her Majesty.

Mr. A. B. Johnson is gazetted Acting Crown Solicitor during the absence of Mr. E. R. Sharp, Crown Solicitor.

Intelligence was received in town on Saturday that a severe typhoon had passed over South China, causing considerable damage, both on shore and about among the shipping.

The number of Asiatic immigrants arriving at Hongkong during the month of March was 1,201, against 502 emigrants. The balance of immigration over emigration during the three months January to March was 3,236.

Mr. C. Osmund, Registration Clerk, has been appointed Acting Clerk in the Registrar-General's Department and Acting Deputy Registrar of Marriages, in addition to his present duties, vice Mr. J. Garrod, on leave.

The Saigon Independent bears from France that the financial arrangements between the various houses interested in the creation of a Credit Foncier for Indo-China have been completed. The Comptoir d'Escompte will make the issue.

It is notified in the Gazette that any one wishing to plant pine trees within their own grounds at Hongkong or at Kowloon, can obtain a limited number, free of cost, by applying to the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department.

The exportation of rice from Saigon is greater this year than it has ever been before. During the three months January to March the export was 3,728,000 piculs against 1,322,000 piculs during the same period last year and 1,769,775 piculs in 1878, which was the highest figure for the last five years. The stock at Cholon is still considerable.

A distinguished visitor arrived in the colony on Saturday afternoon by the French mail steamer *Orion* in the person of His Excellency the Maharajah of Johore, who is on his way to Japan on a pleasure trip. His Highness was brought ashore by the Governor's launch, and he was accompanied by the Hon. Mr. J. G. Macdonald, the Hon. Mr. J. G. Macdonald, and a guard of honour of the 6thuffs with the band of the regiment was drawn up near the pier, and presented arms as the Maharajah passed them.

The following account of the average amount of banknotes in circulation in Hongkong during the month ending 30th April, 1933, is published in the Gazette:

TABLE.

Bank.	Average Amount.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	1,119,670
London and China	1,119,670
Bank of China	762,353
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	1,253,133
Total	4,254,826

By private letter the Saigon Independent of the 24th April learns that M. Le Myre de Villeville has been appointed Governor of Saigon, in place of M. Bourde, whose conduct of the Tonkin affair has been disapproved. M. Le Myre de Villeville was the Governor of Saigon from 1901 to 1905, and his appointment would be a very practical way of raising Tonkin before it is taken in possession.

Some two years ago (says the N. C. Daily News) the Government of the United States endeavored to establish a branch of their mission at Chang-chai in Hunan, near the Yangtze River. The natives, being hostile, gave no assistance, and drove the priests away. The Government of the United States, however, has lately arrived at Chang-chai, and has been successful in its mission. The natives, however, are still hostile, and the Government of the United States is still endeavoring to establish a branch of their mission at Chang-chai.

The lawn tennis match between Lieuts. Bannister and Allan and Messrs. Douglas Jones and G. S. Coxon, came off on the Cricket Ground on Saturday afternoon. The match was a very close one, and the result was a draw. The match was a very close one, and the result was a draw. The match was a very close one, and the result was a draw.

A collision occurred at Saigon on the 13th April between the steamers *Bend Sin* and *Adoll*. The *Bend Sin* arrived on the 15th and was anchored off the Port of Commerce. Between nine and ten o'clock the following collision occurred. The *Adoll* was in the river in order to swing her stern up to the river in order to turn. The *Bend Sin* had already caught the *Adoll*, which had only 150 tons of cargo on board, and that vessel was swinging round, her position at the time being across stream. The *Adoll* struck her at a right angle amidships, by the engine room, and besides doing damage to the machinery bent five of the *Bend Sin*'s outer ribs and three of her inner ones. Fortunately the impact came on one of the ribs, otherwise the vessel's side would not doubt have been completely cut into. The *Adoll* continued her voyage on the following day. The *Bend Sin* went into the floating dock, and the damage, which it was expected would amount to \$10,000 or \$15,000.

A second sailing race came off on Saturday afternoon over the same course as the previous week, and the entrants were favoured with weather of the very best for such a purpose. There were seven boats, and the race was a very close one, and the result was a draw. The match was a very close one, and the result was a draw. The match was a very close one, and the result was a draw.

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, &c.	Nestor (etc.)	Nth.
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, &c.	San Francisco (etc.)	J. Ormiston	.....	.....
MARSEILLES, via SUEZ, &c.	Djinnah (etc.)	D. Bousfield	Baron	.....
MARSEILLES, via SAIGON, &c.	Liban (etc.)	Coudelle	.....	.....
NEW YORK, &c.	May Whtridge	Freeman	.....	.....
SAN FRANCISCO, &c.	San Francisco (etc.)	San Francisco	.....	.....
SAN FRANCISCO, &c.	San Francisco (etc.)	San Francisco	.....	.....
SAN FRANCISCO, via YAMA	Arabic (etc.)	Arabic	.....	.....
SYDNEY, &c.	San Francisco (etc.)	San Francisco	.....	.....
VICTORIA, B. O. &c.	Mercator	Panso	.....	.....
SANDAKAN AND KUDAT	Thales (etc.)	Pousook	.....	.....
YOKOHAMA, via NAGASAKI, &c.	Kashgar (etc.)	Kashgar	.....	.....
YOKOHAMA AND HONGKONG	Bahad (etc.)	Bahad	.....	.....
NAGASAKI DOCK, &c.	Samita-Mara (etc.)	Hebest	.....	.....
SHANGHAI	Mitsurou (etc.)	Mitsurou	.....	.....
SHANGHAI via AMOY	Ajax (etc.)	Kild
SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOHOW	Kwangtung (etc.)	Young

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.				
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PASSENGERS.				
DEPARTED.				
Per City of Peking, etc., for Yokohama, Messrs. E. W. O. Wilson, J. Mackenzie, Teshchauer, and A. G. Morrison, 1 European and 6 Chinese, dock. For Macao, Messrs. A. Serrizor, Woo Wong and wife, Woo Man and wife, and 761 Chinese. For Liverpool, Mr. W. G. G. Alder, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Vidal, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Sharp, Messrs. J. D. McGivern and P. A. Putera. For London, Mr. and Godfrey Walldon. For Hamburg, Mr. E. L. Bentor.				
REPORTS.				
The German bark <i>Maria</i> report first part light southerly wind and foggy; thence to port strong N.E. wind.				
The British steamer <i>Benlary</i> reports first part light S.E. winds and fine weather; latter part strong Easterly winds, head sea and heavy rain.				
The British steamer <i>Chinkiang</i> reports from leaving to Hoshan Islands had fresh S.E. winds, thick weather with rain; thence to arrival in port had fresh N.E. winds and cloudy weather.				
The British steamer <i>Cardian</i> reports experienced S.E. winds, with fine weather to the last 24 hours, with fresh N.E. breeze and light S.W. breeze, with rain. The last 24 hours fair with fresh N.E. breeze with cloudy weather.				
The British steamer <i>Kuangtung</i> reports from Foochow to Amoy light E.N.E. breeze and fine weather. Amoy to Swatow equally swift breeze with heavy rain at times. From Swatow to Hongkong moderate N.E. breeze and cloudy. In Foochow H.M.S. G. Alder, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Vidal, in Swatow H.M.S. Swift, and Mrs. Alder, Swatow, and Whampoa.				
The British steamer <i>Taiwan</i> reports left Bangkok 27th April, at 10 a.m. on 28th, had throughout to lat. 20° 30' N. long. 112° 50' E., moderate S. and S.E. winds and fine weather; thence to port strong N.E. winds and head sea with equally weather. April 28th passed steamers <i>Danube</i> and <i>Felting</i> both bound North. May left passed steamers <i>Montgolf</i> and <i>Consolation</i> both bound South.				
The Japanese steamer <i>Sumida</i> reports left Kobe at 6 p.m. on the 23rd ultimo, with strong N.W. gale, and heavy rain. Next day light S.W. breeze, with rain throughout. Arrived at Nagasaki on Monday, April 30th, at noon. Left Nagasaki same day, at 10 p.m., with light N.W. wind until reaching Swatow, where it port, strong N.E. breeze and choppy weather. Arrived at Hongkong at 6 a.m., May 5th.				

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.				
SATURDAY, 5th May.				
EXCHANGES.				
ON LONDON.—Bank bills, on demand.....3/7 1/2 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight.....3/7 1/2 Variable bills, at 30 days' sight.....3/7 1/2 Credits, at 4 months' sight.....3/8 1/2 Documentary Bills, at 4 months'.....3/8 1/2				
ON PAKE.—Bank bills, on demand.....4/7 Credits, at 4 months' sight.....4/6 ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight.....22 1/2 ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight.....22 1/2 ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, 3 days' sight.....7 1/2 Private, 30 days' sight.....7 1/2				
SHARES.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—147 per cent. premium. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—New Issue—145 per cent. premium. United Assurance Company of Canton, Limited—\$675 per share. China Trade Insurance Company's Shares—\$250 per share. North China Insurance—Tls. 1,700 per share. Yongtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1,050 per share. Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$205 per share. On Canton Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 145 per share. Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$140 per share. Chinese Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$130 per share. China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$360 per share. Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$103 per share. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$330 premium. Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—\$500 per share. China and Manchuria Company, Limited—203 per cent. premium. Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$82 per share. Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$185 per share. China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$180 per share. China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—\$180 per share. Lever Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$78 per share. Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$170 per share. Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1875—2 per cent. prem. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—3 per cent. prem.				

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.				
7th to 13th May, 1883.				
HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.		
Hour.	Height.	Hour.	Height.	Height.
12 M.	10 1/2	12 M.	6 1/2	6 1/2
1 M.	10 1/4	1 M.	6 1/4	6 1/4
2 M.	10 1/2	2 M.	6 1/2	6 1/2
3 M.	10 1/4	3 M.	6 1/4	6 1/4
4 M.	10 1/2	4 M.	6 1/2	6 1/2
5 M.	10 1/4	5 M.	6 1/4	6 1/4
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7 M.	10 1/4	7 M.	6 1/4	6 1/4
8 M.				

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MAIL EXPEDITED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & C. steamer *Araucario*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on the 8th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 9th inst.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Nelson* left Sydney on the 3rd April, and is hourly expected.

The steamer *Banzai* left Singapore on the 1st, and is expected here on or about the 7th instant.

The O. S. S. Company's steamer *Afric* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 2nd, and is due here on the 9th instant.

The N. I. S. N. Company's steamer *Compte* left Batavia on the 1st, and is due here on the 15th inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one which will lay in our Office, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Straits Settlements—*Per Penang*, to leave on 9th inst., at 3.30 p.m.
For Shanghai—*Per Ingoboro*, to-day, the 7th instant, at 3.30 p.m.
For Straits Settlements—*Per Piciola*, tomorrow, 8th inst., at 3.30 p.m.
For Kuala and Sarawak—*Per Tais*, on Friday, the 14th inst., at 3.30 p.m.
For Nagasaki and Yokohama—*Per Kiofwa*, on Saturday, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, by the British Contract Packet—

Day of Departure.

Noon.—Money Order Office closes.

2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and postpaid letters.

3.00 P.M.—Last day accepted for Late Letters.

3.30 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until

3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.

4.30 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

THE PRIVATE MAIL.

Day of Departure.

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

Day of Departure.

7 A.M.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and postpaid letters.

11 A.M.—Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

11 P.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet "PENANG," which leaves on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brazil, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Caylon, India, Aden, Bombay, Malta, and Gibraltar.

11 P.M.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australasia Colonies.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet "DIET," which leaves on FRIDAY, the 12th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Caylon, the Australian Colonies, Pondichie, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, and London.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers,* Bandmasters or Armed Schoolmasters (not Apprentices or Piloted Clergymen) Writers or Schoolmistresses may send their letters with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Caylon, the Australian Colonies, Pondichie, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, and London.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

3.—Private soldiers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days.

4.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, except by registered mail.

5.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c. The letter to Soldiers' Regts. also has to describe, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

6.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to the sending of money, nor can they be provided with Imperial Stamps.

* Not non-Warrant Officers, viz.:—Conductor, Gunner, Bombardier, or Quartermaster.

Boxes of letters are sometimes received at the Post Office unsealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The collection of booklets is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognizable seal, and of sending a check-book or receipt with them. The omission of either of these conditions renders the box liable to be opened, and its contents to be searched.

The Postal Guide alone is the standard on all points on which such information may be required.

TELEGRAPHS.

Persons who send Messages of Ten through the Post in Times are requested to have them made flat or square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round telegrams securely in the mail bags. It is better to make the telegrams flat than to risk their being lost in the mail bags.

4 by 3 by 14 inches is suggested as a good size. The tin should not have sharp corners.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS, will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

CALWELL, Brit. str., G. L. Castle—Arnold & Co. & Co.

CANBERRIE, Brit. str., Hull—Cantale.

CANTAL, Brit. str., Darling—D. Sanson, Sons & Co.

CHRISTIAN, Brit. str., Rowin—Sow Shing.

CYPRUS, Brit. schooner, Johnson—Cantale.

D. J. BECK, Am. str., Carney—Stimson & Co.

FORNOSA, Brit. 3-m. sch., Quayle—Stimson & Co.

JOBH FORTIN, Am. bark, Houghdon—Ed. Schallhaus & Co.

KONIGSMANN, Dan. bark, Maschke—Wieler & Co.

MOUNT LYBANON, Brit. barkentine, Nelson—G. & Co.

MARKE, Ger. bark, H. Island—Captain.

MERCURY, Am. ship, Ramon—Chinoes.

PACHOM KRAO, Brit. str., Stratton—Captain.

PAULINA, Am. schooner, Sitka, Otter—Chinoes.

SAKAI, Am. ship, Miller—Chinoes.

TILLY BAKER, Am. bark, J. H. Boynton—Melchers & Co.

TAUPRIDE, Brit. str., W. H. Gould—Stimson & Co.

WAVERING Jew, Am. ship, Talpy—Russell & Co.

WELLS, Gen. str., J. Piper—Wieler & Co.

